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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

COMMITTEE REVIEWS JOB DESCRIPTION FOR NEXT EIU PRESIDENT

CHARLESTON - Members of Eastern Illinois University's Presidential Search Advisory Committee met via conference call today to discuss suggested changes to the position description and advertisement that will be used to attract Eastern's next president.

During the hour-and-a-half meeting, search committee members shared input received from their respective constituents on the "draft" documents.

Search Committee Chair Robert C. Manion of Hinsdale, a member of Eastern's Board of Trustees and president of the EIU Alumni Association, will incorporate the suggested modifications into the draft documents and present the revisions to committee members during their next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30, which will also be held via conference call.

When the position description is finalized, it will be posted on a presidential

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search web site that is being developed and will contain other search-related and university information.

Manion reported to committee members that five proposals from prospective search consultants have been reviewed by business affairs. Three of the five proposals met established criteria and representatives from those firms will be invited to campus Nov. 5 to meet with the search committee.

Once a search firm is selected, Manion said its representatives will return to campus to seek input from campus constituencies on the search process.

Besides Manion, other trustees serving on the search committee are Roger Dettro of Mattoon, Julie Nimmons of Litchfield and student member Daryl Jones of Chicago.

Other members include Robert "Bud" Fischer (biological sciences), William Addison (psychology) and Luis Clay-Mendez (foreign languages), representing Eastern's faculty; Doug Sloat (carpenter), representing EIU's staff; Jone Zieren (financial aid), representing administration; and Katie Cox of Lovington, who represents the university's student body.

Sylvia Nichols of Edwardsville is also serving on the committee as a representative of Eastern's Alumni Association.

Manion said he anticipates the search to take approximately six months to complete and that the committee will be prepared to announce/appoint the next president sometime in April 2002.

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## PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Carol D. Surles, former president of Eastern, resigned earlier this year due to health reasons. Louis V. Hencken, former vice president for student affairs, has assumed the role of interim president until a permanent successor is found.